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ABC SUSPENDS SACRAMENTO RESTAURANT'S LIQUOR LICENSE

Sacramento – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control today suspended indefinitely the liquor license of El Rodeo Taqueria at 2690 Northgate Boulevard in Sacramento. The action was the result of an undercover operation in which the licensee purchased purported stolen property. The licensee also admitted to selling controlled pharmaceutical drugs.

The investigation began when ABC received a tip that the location was involved in illegal activity. Investigators from ABC's Northern Division Special Operations Unit (SOU) conducted an undercover operation. On multiple occasions, the SOU investigators sold purported stolen property to the licensee or an employee. On each occasion the investigator told the licensee the property was stolen.

When the investigators made the arrest after the final buy, they discovered the controlled pharmaceutical drugs. The drugs were generally in the form of medicinal cremes that require a pharmaceutical license to sell.

Because of the serious charge of receiving stolen property and selling prescription drugs without a license, the formal penalty was revocation, with the revocation stayed for a period of 180 days to allow the transfer of the license to another person at another location. The license suspension begins today, with the suspension until the license is transferred, or the 180 days lapses resulting in the revocation.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency under the direction of Maria Contreras-Sweet, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.